



Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Pres. - John Gettinger V. Pres. – Dave Hacker
Treasurer – Robert Shepherd Secretary – Dale Brier

May 14, 2014 1:00 pm
France Park in Cass County
4505 W. U.S. Hwy 24
Logansport, IN, 46947

Attendance

Voting Members Present:

Allen County – Ron Zartman
Carroll County - George Mears
Cass County- Arin Shaver
Fountain County - Bob Shepherd
Gibson County - Bill Knowles
Huntington County - Dave Hacker
Knox County - Rama Sobhani
Miami County - Kenneth Einselen
Parke County – Phil Cox (alternate)
Posey County - Ralph Weinzapfel
Sullivan County - John Gettinger
Tippecanoe County – Jim Andrew
Vigo County – Kara Kish
Wabash County - Mike Beauchamp
DNR – Dale Brier (alternate)

Guests:

Jewell Baxter – DNR
Bernie Dahl – BOW/Purdue
Cindy Einselen
Don Mathis – Huntington Co (alternate)
Dan McCain – Delphi Historic Trails
Keith Poole – Wabash County (alternate)
Sara Peel – Wabash River Enhancement Corp.
Rae Schnapp – Wabash Riverkeepers

Voting Members Absent:

Adams County - Ryan Noblitt
Jay County – Milo Miller
Vermillion County – Larry Southard
Warren County - Steve Eberly
Wells County - Scott Elzey

Non-Voting Members Present:

Leanne Whitesell - IDEM

Meeting minutes

Call to Order, Introductions, Announce Proxies, Open Agenda

John called the meeting to order at 1pm. John welcomed Dale back and thanked Arin for lunch and hosting the meeting. John then opened the agenda and Ralph asked that the subject of Posey County's brochures be added to the agenda under new business. John called for a motion to accept agenda. Motion was made by Jim and seconded by Bob - Motion passed.

Introductions were made and Dale announced a proxy from Ryan Noblitt was given to the President.

Comments from Visitors and Guests

Leanne Whitesell gave an update on IDEM's watershed planning, restorations and implantation activities and announced that their grant rounds for 319 funding has opened. She stated they request a notice of intent be submitted by 6/2/14 and that applications are due by 9/2/14. She also stated

that their primary focus is on reduction of pollution and that she wanted to share that information with the commission.

Review and Approval of March 19, 2014 Minutes

John called for a motion to accept minutes as written. Jim made the motion and Arin seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report

John spoke on the Merom Chautauqua Festival, which is featuring an Asian Carp Fishing Tournament. He passed out the registration form for this event. John then went on to say that he had attended different watershed inspection meetings as well as the Banks of the Wabash (BOW) meeting in Terre Haute.

Finance Report

Dale referred the commission to the report that he handed out. He told the commission the balance is down to \$413,851.06 due to 4 of the 5 grants being encumbered or spent. Rae spoke on the status of the 5th grant. John asked for a motion to accept the financial report as read. Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Jim. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **Budget Report** - Bob said that there was nothing new with the budget. He said that next year's budget had been approved.
- **Grants** - Dale handed out copies of a report by Susan Ostby that summarized the grant criteria information discussed during the retreat. Kara stated that the grant criterion has been finalized and that online access will begin about 8/1/14 and end 10/1/14. Phil asked about the delay in putting it online and Dale explained that the grant manual also needed to have rewrites done. Kara said she would email a copy of Susan's report and the criteria to everyone so everyone would have a copy. Jim made a motion to accept the report and Arin seconded. The motion passed.
- **Banks of the Wabash-liaison report** - Ken stated the annual meeting of the Banks of Wabash (BOW) was in Terre Haute. They are working on, in conjunction with the Bicentennial, the 200 years along the Wabash project. Ken asked that a request or a recommendation, in the form of a motion, to be sent to the BOW to use \$1500 from the River Odyssey funds (part of BOW funds) to sponsor the 200 years along the Wabash project. Arin asked what the funds would be used for and Ken E. explained that the funds would go towards developing a website, a logo, a brochure, highlighting historical publication and much more. Ken stated that the funds would also be matched by the BOW. Dave asked about what would be the measure of success for helping with this project. Ken explained that success would be measured by the number of hits on the website and the by the number of events attended. John made sure that everyone understood the motion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

- **Funding request from March meeting** - there were 2 requests for funding in March. The first was Allen County's Sol-fest for \$500 and the other was the Wabash River Defenders for \$1000. Kara made a motion to approve both sponsorships and Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dale said that he would need invoices in order for the requests to be processed.
- **Newport Chemical Depot Land** - Phil said that there was no new information.

- **Sign programs** - Ken said the River Road and access signs had been approved by INDOT. He stated only 8 counties had their river road routes completed and that he needed the others to complete their routes as soon as possible. Rama had questions on how to choose the route. Ken said they should coordinate with each other to choose the routes that connect each county along the river. Dale said that he will not order signs until the routes are completed and that the old signs will be used for the county roads until used up. Ken thanked Bill Smith in the Crawfordsville INDOT district for his assistance in helping with the signs. Dale asked if INDOT was going to recognize the River Road route as a scenic route and list it as an official destination on INDOT's maps or was this just a WRHCC project. Ken said that he will find out who needs to be contacted at INDOT to get the answer to his question.
- **Retreat Report** - Kara stated that Susan Ostby sent notes/outline and that she will put together a draft of the strategic plan and present it at the next meeting. Kara asked John to allow at least 15 minutes at the next meeting for her presentation.
- **Asian Carp** - Rae asked what the rules were on bow and net fishing. She has received conflicting answers on whether it was legal or not and suggested the WRHCC should ask for clarification on the policy from the Attorney General office. Keith said that he would call Doug Keller from DNR to come to the next meeting to educate the commission about the fish. Arin said the commission should determine its role on the issue; whether to advocate for continued education or champion for the issue. Dave motioned that the commission invite Doug Keller, or someone that can educate the commission, to come do an educational presentation on the fish. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business

- **New funding request 1** - Ken submitted a request form for a \$3000 sponsorship for the Banks of the Wabash 200 years along the Wabash event. The request stated that the WRHCC would benefit from the sponsorship by being listed as a partner on shared websites and events; it would engage new audiences with appreciation for the Wabash and highlight the historical and importance of the Wabash river systems. Dave asked what the total budget for the event was and who else was contributing. Bernie Dahl stated that there was no formal budget yet and that they were searching for other partners. Arin asked about which fund was the money coming from. Dale B. said that it would be coming from the commission's sponsorship money and reminded the commission that there is a \$1000 limit on sponsorships. Dave said that he was concerned if it was a wise use or if there was going to be a return for the commission sponsorship.
- **New funding request 2** - Ralph submitted a request for a sponsorship for an event called "Wonderful Wabash Canoe Trip". The submission was for a \$1000 to assist in purchasing drinks, snacks, insurance and canoe rentals. This event will be held on August 23, 2014 and there is a \$25 charge per participant to offset the cost. There will be a 200 participant cap. Dale asked why they needed \$1000 from the WRHCC if 100% of their expenses would be covered by the entrance fee.
- Ralph said that brochures were needed for the information center on hwy 64. Dale said Steve Morris had already sent the brochures to them.

Announcements & General Reminders/Discussion

- **River Currents** - If anyone has something about the river that they want to submit, please do so as soon as possible.

- **Upcoming committee meeting** - Dale said that there is nothing to cover on grants.
- **Other county or special event announcements/ Festival dates for next year, etc –**
- **Final comments by Commission members, alternates, and guests** - Keith said he called Doug Keller about coming to the next meeting to address the Asian Carp situation and that Doug was unable to make the meeting, but said things may change where he may be able to come to September meeting. Dale said that Herschel McDivitt, from DNR Oil and Gas is will come to the meeting in July to address abandoned oil wells in the river and funding.

Next Meeting

July 9, 2014 in Carroll County

Location: Delphi Interpretive Center at 1:00 pm

Pre-meeting activities will begin at 10:30

48686 Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund

FY14 as of 04/30/2014

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
431401	AD - Oil and Gas royalty along		\$ 180,652.66
510101	Payroll Salaries & Wages	\$ 7,630.79	
516003	Payroll Social Security	\$ 538.72	
517003	Payroll Perf St Pd Em COntr	\$ 228.93	
517005	Payroll PERF State Share	\$ 854.68	
518105	Anthem CDHP1	\$ 586.71	
518107	Payroll Anthem Trad HDHP	\$ 3.69	
518151	Anthem Trad 2	\$ 366.55	
518606	Payroll Life Insurance	\$ 10.58	
518798	Payroll Delta Dental Trad	\$ 48.80	
518800	Anthem Vision	\$ 5.38	
518901	Payroll Employee Assistance	\$ 1.26	
519006	Payroll Long Term Disability	\$ 130.25	
519503	Payroll Def Comp - StateMatch	\$ 53.50	
519721	Payroll Health Savings Acct 1	\$ 79.43	
519725	HSA Health Savings Acct 2	\$ 0.17	
541002	Mot Veh Ex - Gasoline	\$ 119.35	
547012	Sp Op -Food	\$ 62.25	
571010	Grants - Cities	\$ 7,820.00	
573100	Grants - Nonprofit Orgs	\$ 37,932.00	
591024	NonRealEstRnt-Vehicle Rentals	\$ 64.88	
595110	InState Travel - Mileage	\$ 5,539.60	
595120	InState Travel - Per Diem&Meal	\$ 832.00	
595130	InState Travel - Lodging	\$ 1,774.29	
595170	InState Travel - Parking&Tolls	\$ 15.00	
599116	AdmOp-Event Sponsor	\$ 10,000.00	
659410	Postage	\$ 275.79	
		\$ 74,974.60	

Total FY14 Expense To Date: \$ 74,974.60

Fund Balance:		
	6/30/2013	\$613,854.00
FY14 revenues		\$180,652.66
FY14 Expenses		\$74,974.60
FY14 Encumbrances		\$305,681.00
balance as of 4/30/2014		\$413,851.06

DNR payroll	\$ 10,539.44
travel costs	\$ 8,407.37
sponsorships	\$ 10,000.00
operating	\$ 46,027.79
Total	\$ 74,974.60